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(For the Provincial Weslevan.) SO SHALL HE SPRINKLE MANY NATIONS.—Isaiah lii. 15.

Tis text is full of Christ and Gospel grace. It embraces the nature of his salvation; unfolds the amplitude of its pro-Around the word 'sprinkle cluster Hebrew rites of Divine appointment and spiritual adumbration. Its asso- its surest test. ciations are holy; it mingles with 'consecration' and with 'purity;' is often connected with 'blood' and with 'water' emblems of expiation and of cleanness.

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Its established use in the Mosaic ritual clothes it with precious significance as an emblem of moral purity. It comes to us with a heavenly register, richly freighted with Jewish memories and Gospel promises; its mission is to shed upon the 'nations' showers of blessing. By it the 'Divine washings,' Heb. ix. 9

(Greek, various baptisms) of the Levitical services were performed, (Ex. xix. 13; and by its use the Baptism of the Holy ult' and 'rejoice.' Ghost, and its symbolic rite by water are introduced and declared, (Joel ii. 17. Ezek. xxxvi, 25. To express the nearer approach of the Spirit's baptism, and the affluence of his gifts its makes use of its sister equivalent 'pour.'

So shall he sprinkle many nations. Glorious promise! In its real, spiritual fulfilment it is the bestowment of salvationpardon, purity and power from on high; in its symbolic aspect it points to the mode of baptism, the initiatory rite of the Christian Church; the element, water, and its descent upon the subject beautifully represent outpouring of the Spirit, and his cleansing property upon the soul.

There are three that bear witness on earth, the SPIRIT, and the water and the blood; and these three agree in one. One doctrine or fact-Purification. One mode of testifying to that fact-Sprinkling.

Strange that this word 'sprinkle' should find so many enemies in the world; they will not see that it bears the impress of heaven; to them, therefore, it has no form nor beauty. They have a singular dread of it; if they could but blot it out of God's Book they might rest in peace. But there it is; and there it must remain. Yet how some do strive to change its meaning and its place for Sectarian purposes-but

The writer listened to an effort of this kind not long since. The 'rendering' of the Lxx, and of some German and other critics, was quoted; among others who were said to hold that the word 'sprinkle' meant something else, ALBERT BARNES

ny nations wonder or express admiration at "To this it may be replied that the usual, the universal signification of the word in the Old Testament is to sprinkle. The word occurs in the folwing places, and is in all instances translated sprinkle: Ex. xxix. 21; Lev. iv. 6, 17; v. 9; vi. 17; viii. 11, 30; Lev. xiv. 7: xix. 21: 2 Kings ix. 33: Isajah lxiji. 33. It occurs in no other place except in

"It is properly applicable to the act of sprinkling blood or water-used in the sense of cleansing by the blood that makes expiation for sin, or of cleansing by water as an emblem of purifying."-"in either case it means substantially the same thing; that the Redeemer would purify or cleanse many nations from their sins and make them holy. Still there is a difficulty in the passage which does not seem to be solved. This difficulty has been thus expressed by Taylor (Concor.)- 'It seems here to have a peculiar meaning, which is not exactly collected from the other places where the word is used. The antithesis points to regard, esteem admiration- 'Sprinkle, engage the esteem, of many nations') but

word I know not.' " It was to meet this difficulty that Gesenius proposed the sense of leaping exulting, filling with joy, from the Arabic. But that signification does not accord with the uniform Hebrew usage-

Barnes agrees with Jerome, who renders it asperget-shall sprinkle; and with the Syriac rendering-viz., "Thus shall be purify, cleanse many nations.'

Gesenius claims that the verb means here. 'He shall cause many nations to rejoice in himself.' But he does not give a solitary case of such usage-he derives the meaning solely from what he supposes to be, the etymological sense of the root viz., to leap for joy; and then to leap forth sparkling as liquids when poured out, whence (he claims) comes the idea of sprinkling or pouring. But no man contends more strongly than he, that usage, and not supposed etymology "gives law to language," fixing the only safe and reliable significance of words-and no man can deny that by Hebrew usage this word means sprinkle!" Notes on Isaiah-Hu. Cowles, D. D..

What saith the Scriptures? The Ethopian eunuch was reading this prophecy of Isaiah; learning from Philip the doctrine of the atonement, the fact of the resurrection and the Pentecostal Baptism; he unshould be baptized into a new moral relaparting to them a new life of spiritual power and holy joy. And seeing that the term many nations in the promise, and in the Lord's commission (which it is reasonable to suppose his teacher explained to himelse how could he have known that Philip was in circumstances to administer the too mercuful to inquire closely. Who could rite?) "Go ye therefore and teach all na- stand it?" tions, baptizing them," &c. gave him privilege to receive the double baptism-the inward grace, and the outword sign of soulcleansing-he embraced by faith the Saviour, and was immediately baptized with water; the mode of its application symbolizing the affusion of the Holy Spirit and

without a sneer,) if we show how 'sprin- years of Sabbaths would not stand up in awful He'll guide thee safely to the other side;

answering exactly to the original word in

on, which the Lxx and others, seem to see you a life of poverty and barrenness. nuch as the result of his faith and obediferently; but it is too late."

meaning a happy illustration: (1.) Bap- word."—Christian Banner. tism by Spirit and by water; (2.) Exultation and joy the result. These together give to sprinkle its etymological root, and likewise its Scriptural usage; therefore, ment agree in all their parts. The sprink-

forts to sink it to a 'liquid grave.' It has move on; like a traveller surprised on the way great work yet to perform.

The appropriateness of this mode of baptism, its adaptation to the human race in all parts of the earth, 'all nations,' under all circumstances and conditions of life, proclaim the Infinite wisdom of its choice, throughout the wide-wide-world.

wilderness with a 'little water.' To the traveller through the desert, who may unfrom "Jacob's well." It can be applied in the room of a weak, fasting Saul; to the Centurion and others in his house, if none forbid water' being brought for the purpose; to the aged and infirm—the grandmother of four-score, the mother of twen-

that the pitcher of water was not for that whom Christ had died. purpose?) Yes Scriptural baptism can be "The song ended. He called for his horse Spirit can operate, or man, woman, or

ing hogsheads of snow; without wetting whom he had almost forgotten. trouble of providing a change of raiment, or having ready a cup of hot ginger tea.

Baptism is adapted to all parts of the world, and to all of the race of man .-Immersion is not. In many cases it is im how to deduce this from the sense of the possible; the convert may call for it—this man-imposed mode-in vain! God's commands are not impossibilities, but man's requirements often are. In the case of baptism, as in other cases, it is wiser, bet ter, safer to obey God than to obey man To the Law and to the Testimony. tism--Sprinkling-is in the Scriptures, as a Christian benefit; Immersion is no

there—except as a punishment.

THE TEN YEARS.

"Just seventy to day, sir." said a handsome old gentleman, as he proudly drew himself up and as active as I ever was; there are few nen of my age can say that."

"Few indeed," was the reply. "You have had a long life. and ten years of it to acquaint yourself with God and prepare for heaven. Did that ever strike you before?"

"No, it did not; please explain." "Well, one-seventh of the time, every Sabbath day, makes ten years out of seventy; does it not? So you have had ten whole years of No more unrest, no vague, unquiet longings, time given to care for your soul alone; what a responsibility to answer for."

The old man seemed startled. He had lived and his fellow creatures were the poorer for it; derstood the text to be, that many nations to be especially inquired of as regarded his use of them for his soul's weltare, placed his Sabtion to God; his truth and his Spirit im- bath days before him in a light he had never seen them before.

"Good gracious!" he said, "you place the thing in an uncomfortable way. I hope I won't be judged in that manner. I have done my best and wronged no man; and I hope God is

"Who indeed could stand before God?" was the earnest reply. "In his own right, no one for all have sinned and come short. But there is a way in which we can be justified; and that s through Jesus Christ, the well beloved Son. O my friend, let me be faithful with you. Think how differently you could look back upon your His arm shall keep thy timid feet from falter seventy years if you had used them in his ser-It may gratify some (but not the oppoare may gratify some (but not the oppo- vice, and were ready to say, and the children thou hast given me!' The ten And when at last thou nearest the dark river, sers of the word, who can now name it the children thou hast given me!' The ten And when at last thou nearest the dark river,

hidden in its peculiur meaning in Isaiah. ' If I had my life to go over again," said the That meaning was made known to the euconscience-stricken old man, "I would live dif-

ence, for he went on his way rejoicing.

The difficulty of getting 'exultation and too late, while life lasts. to turn to the Lord, joy' from 'sprinkle,' which puzzles certain and witness for him. Now, in your eleventh ersons, was in his case removed. The hour go and pray God that your seventieth birth Bible is its own interpreter, and experience day may be the beginning of a new life to you. In the record in Acts, we have a practi- Though it be but to fling-to use the words of cal and experimental comment on the an old sailor—' the tag end of a life in the face words of the inspired Prophet. The plain, of the Redeemer,' still be encouraged. He obvious meaning of 'sprinkle' gets its di- never casts out any who comes to Him. He vinely appointed use, and its "peculiar" says, 'Whosoever,' and you may take his

PRESENCE OF GOD

The habitual conviction of the presence leave little, if any, difference to be settled between the pious commentators and the God is the sovereign remedy in temptations; it word-critics. The prophecy and its fulfil- supports, it conseles, it calms us. We must Bishop Clark's life, which we copy from the not be surprised that we are tempted. We Western Christian Advocate:led 'honor' their Lord, they 'admire,' 'ex- are placed here to be proved by temptations. Every thing is temptation to us. Crosses irri-May those who would make this preci- tate our pride, and prosperity flatters it; our 1812; died at his residence, in Cincinnati, ous promise-" So shall he sprinkle mallife is a continual warfare, but Jesus Christ ny nations," of none effect by their tradi- combats with us. We must let temptations ditions, see their error, and desist from ef- like a tempest, beat upon our heads, and still by a storm, who wraps his cloak about him and goes on his journey in spite of the opposing

and commends its observance to the intelli- great work, because it must be without any re- debtedness to her counsels and influence. gence of men, and the modesty of women, serve. The Spirit enters the secret foldings of our hearts, and even the most upright affections 'much wa- of hard duties, it is not constraint and contenhis cell or to the keeper of the prison, and moment, to trust all else without reserve to the the ministry.

ty, and the babe in its infancy—the young ty, and the babe in its infancy—the young Christian hymns in his saloon. The great lowed by the prayers and blessings of his parhicular for the great like the community of the community or the young consumptive with the hectic Luther well understood that music was a key ents, to struggle for himself for the accom-

Jesus instituted The Supper. (If Jesus impressed to sing a certain hymn; and, unblems of his death and passion—who can say ings of his heart for the salvation of those for appointments in that Conference. in 1852 he and objects.

precious seed he had planted in that lonely child can live.

It can be performed without damming spot. Many years after he passed that way again and was greeted as a friend by those a brook, cutting three feet of ice, or melt-

he soles of the feet, but keeping candidate "He found the lady of the house, and some and administrator as 'dry shod' as were of her family, had entered the path of Chrisin the cause of education. He was also the ses: without doing violence to reason or that the sacred song was blessed of God, and the years between 1843 and 1864 he published How time delays, and yet it hurries fast enough. seek and serve the Lord."

I SHALL BE SATISFIED.

"I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy like-There is a country just beyond life's river,

Whose beauties far exceed our wildest dreams.

And vet sometimes in fancy we can picture Its golden streets, wild flowers, and crystal

We hear the rare birds chanting their glad "Te Deum." We see the loved who've crossed life's

stormy tide. And in our heart we feel the blessed promise That in that home we shall be satisfied.

Sometimes our hearts grow sad with weary Earth's petty trials weigh our spirits down, And we forget that to the valiant only

Our Father promises a starry crown With eager eyes we view life's narrow river, And long to plunge into its rushing tide, To join our loved ones in the land supernal, Where, free from sin, we shall be satisfied.

No reaching for the bliss we may not find, No looking forward to some happier future, Or sighing over joys we leave behind.

to the world and for himself, and his own soul Ah! no, in that bright land there is no sorrow Within the pearly gates no tears abide, and the accumulation of ten whole years of time No fleeting cloud obscures the starry bright-

Together we are nearing Death's dark river, And sometime we must cross it-thou and I In vain we tremble as we hear the rushing. And view the angry waters leaping high.

There falls upon our ear the joyful singing, The choir of angels from the other side; Such glorious music through heaven's arch

Tells us that all within are satisfied. pathway, There is a friend who holds thee by the

I am alone, I know not thy Conductor,

Now I can almost hear death's raging torrent, And feel the waters as they round me play. Help me to know and honor thy Redeemer. That I may walk life's journey by his side, And safe in Heaven-thou and I together-Then-then-dear friend, I shall be satis

THE FUNERAL OF BISHOP CLARK.

This took place at Cincinnati, on Friday, 26th ult. The venerable Bishop Janes gave an address in St. Pauls' Church appropriate to Davis Wasgatt Clark was born on the island

Ohio, of disease of the heart, May 23, 1871 aged fifty-nine years, two months.

who constituted the first Methodist society in that place. Of his mother, who was a superior woman, he ever spoke in terms of tendering the will of God. Still it is true that it is a est reverence, frequently expressing his in- failed. His heart seemed set with unquench-

mportant event in his life gave a new direction his ministerial life and labors, his Conference hope! how full of present enjoyment!" The water of baptism can be sprinkled and the most necessary attachments must be re- to his thoughts and plans, and he never waver- home. The desire of his heart was granted. upon multitudes on the Camp ground, sequilated by his will; but it is not the multitude ed from the determination then formed to conter,' (required for daily drinking, and for tion that advance us in our Christian course. in the Methodist Church. In after years fair under the circumstances— On the contrary, it is the yielding of our wills, openings for the study and practice of the law, without restriction and without choice, to tread as well as brilliant opportunities for a political dence leads us, to see nothing, to be discouragwas never turned aside, even for a moment, the Sacrament to the elders. After an affectmay you have double grace !" -"See water!" whither he went down (eis) unto it, or even into it; to the prisoner in ed by nothing, to see our duty in the present from his higher call—to the life and work of ing little address, in which he referred in

unsurpassed in the beauty of its natural scen- some of them, by time and care, he called eternity and its great uncertainties." house keeper by some young men singing tion, at the age of nineteen he left home, fol-

General Conference of 1864 to the Episcopacy. tion were addressed to each. How truly was ing of God, an house not made with hands nearly all the preachers who preach during the He was, throughout his life, much identified realized the wordswith educational interests. He was elected "The chamber where the good man meets his fate he nodded his head in token of acquiescence. President of three several universities, and the Weslevan Female College of this city is a their carnal slumbers, and arousing them to Mental Discipline, since become a text-book me. If God would only come—and yet I don't in Conference studies; Death-bed Scenes; know that I ought to ask for one pang less Fireside Reading; Man all Immortal; besides It is all right-all right." editing some thirty volumes published by the Later he repeated-Book Concern. In 1849 he received the degree of D. D. from the Weslevan University;

this being the first time the degree was con- and, turning to his eldest daughter, he said, ferred on a graduate of the institution. Be- "Sing it." While she sang, he joined with a tween the years 1864-68, in the performance clear voice in the linesof his official duties as Bishop, he travelled over 65,900 miles; presided over 42 Annual Conferences: visited Oregon and California: organized the Nevada, Holston, Tennessee, ed to love and sing our beautiful hymos. Georgia, and Alabama Conferences; ordained hope you will teach them to your children." 746 ministers, and stationed 4,612. In 1868 he published his last work, the first volume of "How different this scene from that thirty-two a series of sermons. In his diary of 1869 we years ago, in Trenton, New Jersey, when we Janes continued. find this record: "Reached home, weary and were married and launched out together! But, worn. My spring campaign is now closed. I thank God! we have lived and labored in His his two sons, a son-in-law and myself were proaching Conference will be an occasion of

During the past eighteen months Bishop Clark's nervous system has been gradually undermined, and his health failing. Since his hymn was sung to him, last sickness he has several times said, "How strange that a man will not take warning when to the condition I am in now."

To one of the ministerial brethren have stopped work and gone cff to the mouneemed to demand that I should continue dies are! How they lead the thoughts upward nessed.

Two months of last summer he and his family ven!" der which he had conned his school-boy tasks. have a father's love and a father's prayers, and it! Amen! disappear under the blue waters of the lake. hind, he repeated many times: Here again he had had his outlook over the

"Our separation will not be a complete one."

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"Was a great favorite with Bishop Clark, and which was chanted by the choir. It is as follows." sea, and in this mountain seat, though yet but I feel that I shall often be with you. I can not lows: boy, had read and re-read the Doctrinal speak words to you, but God in his tenderness creeds. His last Sabbath in the island be beautiful thoughts to you, and lead your minds

kle' includes the idea of joy and exultati- array to frighten you and judge you, and show There thou shalt join the choir who sing for- preached in the old church, many among his heavenward. This idea is very present with hearers being those who had known him as a me.' boy, and watched his progress in life with pride When reduced very low he frequently said:

"What a strange outcome of life this seems to He returned from his Summer vacation with me! And yet no stranger than it may be to all From His long proffered help I've turned flattering prospects of ultimate restoration to of you. God seeth not as man seeth." And health. Some of his friends have thought that then he repeated many times: "The Lord is if he had ceased work during the Fall, disease my refuge and strength; a very present help might have been arrested, and the good effects in time of trouble. Amen and Amen !" of the Summer not lost. God only knows. On the 25th of April there was a decided Surely He orders the ways of a good man, and change in the Bishop's condition, so that flat-His finger seemed plainly to indicate continued tering hopes of his ultimate recovery were enwork as the path of duty; for Bishop Clark tertained. This favorable change continued

never wavered in his own mind about under- for almost two weeks. One day his wife said

taking the work of presiding over his Fall to him: "Does it not seem a long way back to

health and active life ?" "Yes," he responded, If he had not gone, he might not have left to it would nave been shorter and brighter the the Church that precious legacy, his last ser- other way." mon, on Man's Responsibility for his Belief. Most of the time his mind was perfectly These doubts and questionings, eternity alone clear on every point, and he conversed freely can solve. His health was impaired by his and with almost his wonted vigor. To one of Fall labors, and he rested at home during the the ministers who watched with him one night, Winter. He started out on his Spring tour of he repeated the greater part of one of Otway Conferences, against the advice of his physi- Curry's poems-"The Great Hereafter"-alcians. When he reached Louisville, where he ways a favorite with him, telling the volume of of Mt. Desert, off the coast of Maine, Feb. 25, presided over the Kentucky Conference, the the Repository in which it was to be found. physician there said to him-"Bishop Clark, During these three weeks many beautiful exyou must stop work or die." But a higher pressions fell from his lips-a precious treasure hand impelled him onward. Accompanied by to those who heard them. While yet a boy, he was graciously convert- his wife, he followed out his plan of work. At At one time he said to his wife: "I don't

"And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?"

"When for eternal worlds we steer, And seas are calm and skies are clear;

"I've Canaan's goodly land in view,

"I would not live always."

peated them with strong emphasis:

od under the ministry of Rev. R. C. Bailey, Boston, where he presided over his fifth Con- want you to be troubled about me, but rejoice and he and his mother were two of the thirteen ference—the New England—he began to show and give thanks. It will all be well. If there symptoms of exhaustion. His physicians had are any indications that the end draws near, long since said that strength of will was keep- make no effort to detain me. Let me depart ing him up, for strength of body had already and be with Jesus, which is far better." To his children he said, "God bless you, my able longing on reaching and presiding over dear girls, my dear boys! What a blessing He had intended following the sea, but this the New York Conference—the birth-place of you have been to us all your lives! how full of

secrate his life and labors to the cause of Christ Conference with the affecting hymn, doubly so illness, to spend a few hours [with her father. in the hospitable town of Belleville, where it has

ence for ten days, his health so enfeebled that his old friend and instructor.

meant something else, Albert Barnes flush and the dew of death upon his brow. was named. The speaker was mistaken, and used it most effectually in the plishment of this great purpose.

At the close of that time his physicians adduction of "conversations on the state of the vised that the attempt he made to remove him to Cincipnative so arriently did by long to say work," which was at one time a regular feature. To the passenger on ship-board sailing in mid ocean, or I the quiet worshipper said of him, "He has conquered us by his said of him, "He has conquered us by his songs." A writer to the "Christian" says:

To the passenger on ship-board sailing in mid ocean, or I the quiet worshipper said of him, "He has conquered us by his shildren and home once more. Two minds of our Conference. In our judgment, the appointment of a committee each year on the sate of the Wesleyan Unity of our Conference. In our judgment, the appointment of a committee each year on the sate of the Wesleyan Unity of our Conference. In our judgment, the appointment of a committee each year on the sate of the Wesleyan Unity of our Conference matters, dwelling pointment of a committee each year on the sate. ry. The sprinkling baptism can be performed from a Jewish 'water pot,' or from a pitcher of water, such as was carried by the man whom the disciples followed friends and the

was elected editor of the Ladies' Repository, His family—his wite, three daughters, and he had said the end was drawing near, and adopted, and what is weak and defective and by two subsequent unanimous re-elections two sons-were gathered around him, and then repeated: "Though our earthly house strengthened. performed any where, wherever the Holy performed any where, wherever the Holy and pursued his journey, little thinking what the retained that position until called by the blessed words of parting advice and consolation of this tabernacle be disolved, we have a build. We often hear the question asked, 'Why do

Is privileged beyond the common walks
Of virtuous life, quite on the verge of heaven!"

my soul!" and sank into an unconscious state, casions have more affecting views of our resenger came and ushered him into the gates and less self-consciousness and regard for hu-He then added, "I am glad you have learntrance" he so ardently longed for. The oldest danghter was absent occupied in The same day, turning to his wife, he said,

sad vigils at the sick-bed of her husband. Having finished reading this sketch, Bishop

Just before his death two of his daughters, have presided over seven Conferences, and cause. If I have not accomplished all I desirgathered in the chamber, and I prayed with the more than ordinary interest and importance. In travelled 9,000 miles." If 'deeds, not years,' ed, God has blessed me, and been my commark the length of life, then he has lived long forter, my helper. It is all well." In his I remarked to them: "The Bishop is now in that it will be called upon to deal with the moments of greatest restlessness he could be a sweet deep sleep. Sometimes the mind is question of "Methodist Union;" invests its desoothed and quieted by the singing of favorite very active when the body is unconscious. I liberations with peculiar interest and solemnity. hymns. When Dr. Muhlenburg's beautiful am not certain but his mind is now active, and We believe the heart of our church beats strong-

"We know not what communication the angels of our people that every breach may be healed, the first symptoms of failing health appear, and he exclaimed, "Yea, Lord Jesus, come, come are making to him at this hour; what ministry and Canadian Methodism soon present an unnot continue working till he brings himself in- quickly," and as these words were sung, re- they are now performing for him." I had broken front to the common enemies of the scarcely uttered these words when there was a cross of Christ. We have no doubt the Con-"Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not suspension of his breath. We understood well terence will give its calm and earnest attention watched with him one night, he said, "My health has been failing for the last year. You see my body in ruins. I suppose I ought to "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," he ed beating; life was ended; his spirit had gone a cordial and general approval, that the way tains, or somewhere, but I could not, or it would join in the closing lines with great depth to his God and to our God. It was one of the may be cleared to more direct and practical eemed that I could not. The circumstances of feeling, saying, "How sweet those melo- calmest, sweetest death-bed scenes I ever wit. measures for an organic union of the various

and bring the soul into communion with hea- God grant that our lives may be as beautiful, the same basis. We ask from the church genand devoted, and useful, and even sublime as erally tervent prayers to God for the coming spent at Mt. Desert, his boyhood's home. The same Sabbath evening, while his family his was! God grant that in death our peace Conference; not only that it may be guided to With the change his health and spirits were gathered at his bedside, he pronounced and comfort may be abundant as was his! God right conclusions on the weighty and delicate nuch revived. He would wander around find- on each one his blessing, "The Lord bless you grant that each one of us may make "our call- questions that shall engage its attention, but ing much enjoyment in recalling old memories and keep you. The Lord strengthen you and ing and election sure," and when our probation also that the sanctifying Spirit may be so richly and scenes. Here in this nook had been his build you up. Work for Him! Give your ends may we sleep in Jesus; may we all awake poured out upon the ministers of our church, dock-yard, and there he had sailed his mimic life to Him. I leave you to the Church!" with him in the resurrection morn, and may we that they may be endued with power from on fleet. Here was still the scraggy old elm, un- And to his children particularly he said, "You all spend our eternity with God!" God grant high, to labor in the future with abounding zen-

From this point he had rolled stones down the steep mountain-side, and had watched them great consolation to those he was leaving bepoem written in 1848, by Otway Curry, which

> THE GREAT HEREAFTER. 'Tis sweet to think, when struggling

That just beyond the shores of time

The better years begin. When through the nameless ages I cast my longing eyes, Before me, like a boundless sea,

Along its brimming bosom Perpetual Summer smiles, And gathers like a golden robe

By lulling breezes fanned, I seem to see the flowering groves

And far beyond the islands, That gem the waves serene, The image of the cloudless shore Ot holy heav'n is seen.

Of old Beulah's land.

Unto the great Hereafter-Aforetime dim and dark-I freely now and gladly give Of life the wandering bark

And in the far-off haven, When shadowy seas are passed, By angel hands its quivering sails Shall all be furled at last.

THE CANADA CONFERENCE Vhich opened at Belleville on Wednesday norning, the 7th inst., will, we suppose, have closed before this paper will have reached its readers; but we cannot give any report of its

proceedings before next week. We find the following leader in regard to it; n the Guardian of the 31st ult. We copy it because a large portion of it may be profitably applied to our Conference about to meet in St

THE COMING CONFERENCE.

One week from to-day our Contererce meets This son-in-law had been for years this physic- often meet before. These annual gatherings ian, and the separation at this time was a mu- are waymarks in the history of our church. traveller through the desert, who may unexpectedly see the precious element and cry
expectedly see the precious element and cry

And see each other's face !"

Cheerfully every day in the path in which Provicareer, opened themselves before him, but he
He consecrated the elements and administered

He said, "Dear daughter, double afflictions! our church life. At such a time we pause in our ordinary work, note results, adjust our Referring to a little daughter, lost at the church machinery, and gird ourselves for refrom the same vessel from which he pours will and power of God. Let us pray to our Bishop Clark was eminently a self-made man.

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On May 19th and 20th, he seemed to lose is very desirable. Under our present system The journey was accomplished successfully the power of speech, but rallied on the entran- defects may remain unremedied, and elements Jesus instituted The Supper. (If Jesus baptized his disciples anticipatory of the baptized his disciples his di baptized his disciples anticipatory of the doctor, and recognizing him, said, of strength and success undeveloped, just percentage of the doctor, and qualifying for its to the Spirit's voice, but lifted his solemn song, trial in the New York Conference, and com-Great Commission, and qualifying for its to the Spirit's voice, but fitted his solemn song, and doctor," When the observance—before he administered the em- and through it, poured out the pent-up long- menced his public ministry.

After filling five himself once more in the midst of familiar faces doctor retired, he asked what opinion he had every department of our work, and suggest expressed. Mrs. Clark replied to him that how what is successful may be more generally

eternal in the heavens." Too feeble to speak Conference fall below their usual average of interest and power?" Supposing the assump-On Friday, May 19th, when sight and hear- tion to be true, it may arise in part from severmonument of his energy and persevering zeal April 23rd, the first Sabbath after his return hand to the members of his family gathered Conference often in some degree, disturb the the Israelites when they were 'baptized' tian discipliship, and were striving to follow first President of the Freedmen's Aid Society it not? I never again expect to go to church checks, imprinted a kiss upon the lips of each of mind and feeling necessary to pulpit success. of the Methodist Episcopal Church. During till I enter the church triumphant above. cnecks, imprinted a kiss upon the fips of each one, a mute but eloquent farewell. Just at The consciousness on the part of the preacher, made the instrument of awakening them from made the instrument of awakening them from Elements of Algebra, issued by the Harpers; The summons don't trouble me—don't trouble had not spoken more than a sentence, for near-him with critical ears, destroys that self-possestwilight, he suddenly roused, and though he that he is speaking to some at least, who hear ly two days, he said feebly but distinctly, ion and self-forgetfulness which is essential to "Tireless company! tireless song." He paus- enable a man to do his best. And in some ed for a moment and then added, "The song cases, the thought that he will have preachers of the angels is a glorious song. It thrills my for hearers, leads him also to select a more preears even now." Pausing again, he spoke with tentious theme, which causes him to have a renewed strength; "I am going to join the "hard time," and makes him appear to less adangels' song. Glorious God! blessed Saviour; vantage, than if he had chosen a more simple bless the Lord, O my soul! bless the Lord, O and practical subject. If we could on such ocrom which he never roused till the glad mes- sponsibility to Christ and the value of souls, of heaven—no doubt, with the "abundant en man approbation or disparagement, no doubt it would vastly improve the quality of our preaching. He who preaches with a vivid apprehension that the all-piercing eye of God is upon him, and the issues of eternity before him, will hardly fail to speak with power.

> There is good reason to believe that the apif so, O how happily employed!" and I added. ly for Union; and that it is the earnest desire

LETTER FROM CANADA.

By the Correspondent of the Methodist Recorder An unusually fine winter has been followed by an uncommonly early spring, insomuch that the agricultural work of the country is about as far forward at present as it generally is two weeks from this time. The Spring business,